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MADERA MAN FACES 100 YEARS TO LIFE INPRISONMENT

MADERA, CA. – Madera County District Attorney, David A. Linn announced today that Fred Gonzales was convicted of 8 counts of child molestation, with special circumstances. The trial commenced on July 16, 2015, before the Honorable Mitchell Rigby, and concluded August 11, 2015. The case was tried by Senior Deputy District Attorney Traci Wise. The evidence in this case showed that the defendant lived with his three minor step granddaughters between 2004 and mid 2011. During this time he committed multiple acts of sexual molestation by force, fear, and violence.

District Attorney David Linn stated, “The three victims in this case showed great courage by coming forward and testifying in Court. The Madera Police Department officers Mark Trukki and David Herspring conducted an excellent investigation. The Madera Community Action Partnership/Victim Services was extremely supportive to the family in this case. This case was truly a team effort with a positive result.”

Sentencing is set for September 9, 2015.